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SUBJECT: READOUT ON RWANDA VISIT OF BELGIAN SECRETARY FOR
COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. MFA COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AFRICA, BAUDOUIN
FONTAINE, BRIEFED POLOFF ON THE OCTOBER VISIT OF ERIC
DERYCKE, SECRETARY FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, TO
RWANDA. DERYCKE'S COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NEED
FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY INTO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
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WERE EXTENSIVELY COVERED BY THE BELGIAN MEDIA, WHICH ALSO
FEATURED PROMINENTLY THE REYNTJENS-KUYPERS REPORT ALLEGING
RWANDAN DEATH SQUADRONS WITH TIES TO PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA.

3. FONTAINE (PROTECT THROUGHOUT) WAS CAREFUL TO DISTANCE
THE MFA FROM DERYCKE'S STATEMENTS CALLING THEM "POSSIBLY
PREMATURE." HE OPINED THAT THE REYNTJENS-KUYPERS REPORT
MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETELY ACCURATE AS THE "AUTHORS ARE NOT
KNOWN FOR PARTICULARLY CAREFUL ANALYSES." AS FOR THE
REPORTED DEATH SQUADRONS, FONTAINE DID NOT DISCOUNT THE
POSSIBILITY THAT OUT-OF-CONTROL THUGS OR

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4. THE GOB, FONTAINE SAID, HAD NEVER OFFICIALLY REQUESTED FROM THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AN INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE KILLINGS IN BAGOGWE AND BUGESERA. ALTHOUGH BELGIUM APPRECIATED THAT THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO EVENTS AND THAT AN INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY HAD ALREADY BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE GOR, BELGIUM WAS NOT DEMANDING AN OUTSIDE INQUEST INTO THE EVENTS. WHAT BELGIUM HAD DONE, HE SAID, WAS OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, I.E., JURISTS, ETC., TO ASSIST RWANDA IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

5. WHEN ASKED IF REPORTS THAT DERYCKE SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE TO FONMIN CLAES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS IN GENEVA CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION WERE ACCURATE, FONTAINE SAID DERYCKE HAD SUGGESTED THIS POSSIBILITY BUT THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THE COMMISSION WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A REQUEST. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN KIGALI

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HAD, ACCORDING TO FONTAINE, TALKED TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ABOUT CONDUCTING AN INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY - A PROJECT APPARENTLY PROPOSED BY PM NSENGIYAREMYE. AI DECLINED TO GET INVOLVED BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD HAVE MADE IT APPEAR THAT IT WAS ACCEDING TO A GOVERNMENT REQUEST. AS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, FONTAINE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THEY WOULD NOT RAISE THE SAME OBJECTIONS ABOUT UNDERTAKING AN INVESTIGATION.

6. THE DERYCKE VISIT, IN FONTAINE'S ESTIMATION, IS NOT LIKELY TO YIELD MANY NEW BELGIAN AID INITIATIVES IN RWANDA. HOWEVER, A SHIFTING OF PRIORITIES MIGHT OCCUR WITH MORE MONEY TARGETED FOR PROJECTS IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY, SOME MODEST BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE, AND SOME DEMOCRATIZATION FUNDING TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE ARUSHA ACCORDS AND SUPPORT ELECTIONS.

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